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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST HOSTILITIES

REFERENCE: DIA Analysis

1. GENERAL DIA reviewed 11/25/09: refer to NSA

(U) Press reports indicate that Israel and its Arab enemies believe that hostilities could be renewed at any time. Complicating movement toward a peace settlement is a lack of progress on the POW exchange issue. In addition, an announced agreement by 10 Arab oil producing states to further cut back oil production may generate increased pressure on Israel to withdraw from the occupied territories.

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2. UNEF ACTIVITIES

(C) Although no firm plans have been made for the arrival of troops from the "Third World" representatives, additional personnel from Ireland and Finland have arrived, bringing the total number of UNEF troops now in Egypt to 1,319.

3. CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS

(U) Nothing significant to report.

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES**a. ISRAEL/EGYPT/SYRIA**

(U) Press reports indicate that both Israelis and Arabs believe fighting could resume at any time. Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan announced on 4 November that the war is not yet over and said that Egypt can be expected to renew fighting because of dissatisfaction with the currently held truce lines. Egypt warned that it might resume hostilities unless Israel withdraws to the 22 October cease-fire lines, and in Damascus the Syrian radio stated that "any continuing fooling around by Golda Meir will only lead to a resumption of the fighting."

b. SYRIA/SAUDI ARABIA

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c. POW AFFAIRS

(U) Israel has disputed Egyptian claims to have released wounded Israeli POW's. Tel Aviv has issued a statement that only one Israeli POW has yet been released. It said that despite the technical arrangements made by the Red Cross, Egypt was delaying the implementation of the POW exchange. Like the cease-fire itself, resolution of the POW situation apparently hinges on further political developments.

d. OIL

(U) In Kuwait the oil ministers of 10 Arab states decided on the 4 November to cut production by 25 percent as a means of increasing pressure to secure Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab lands. The 25 percent cut reportedly will be based on September production figures and would include oil already embargoed to Holland and the United States. A further five percent reduction based on November production figures will be imposed in December according to a spokesman for the oil producing states.

5. SOVIET ACTIVITY

a. GROUND

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b. NAVY

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c. AIR

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d. POLITICAL

Nothing significant to report.

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